SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT NAVIGATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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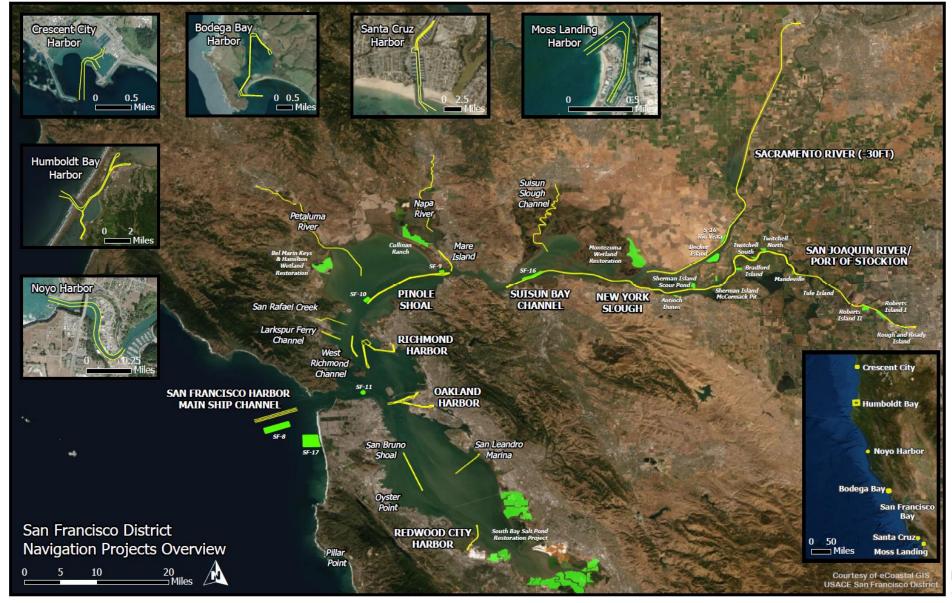
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SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT – DREDGING MISSION





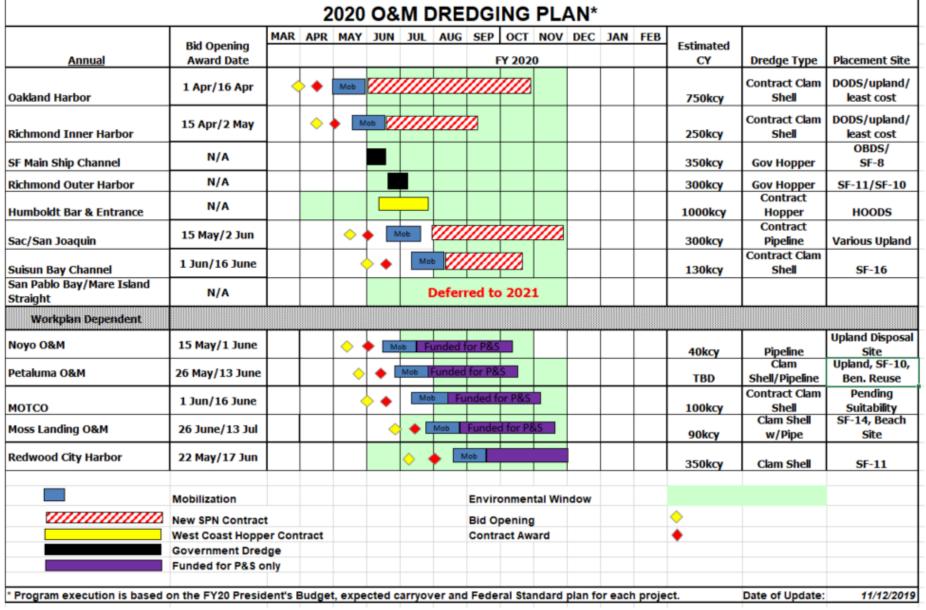


ENVIRONMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL BACKDROP

- NEPA: 10-year (2015-2024) Environmental Assessment, 29 May 2015
- Endangered Species Act (ESA): BO
- Clean Water Act (CWA):
 - Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA):
 - Consistency Notification from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
- Long Term Management Strategy:
 - Framework for placement in the bay with a target of no more than 20% in Bay
- Federal Standard:
 - The least costly dredged material disposal or placement alternative (or alternatives) that is consistent
 with sound engineering practices and meets all federal environmental requirements, including those
 established under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries
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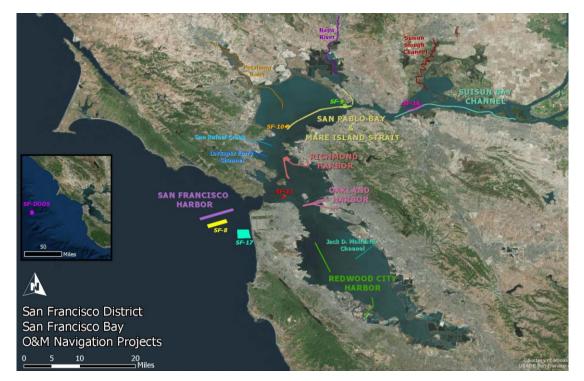








THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL DMMP EFFORT UPDATE



Key Issues

- USACE dredging supports a wide array of goods moving throughout the Bay, 70% of which is commercial and 30% of which is fuel.
- Dredged material in the Bay is an important resource because material is mostly clean.
- Selection of future placement sites.
- Bringing visibility to shallow draft harbors.

Regional DMMP

- Comprehensive approach.
- Focus on addressing dredge material placement issues.
- Improve environmental compliance based upon best available science to inform environmental restrictions/limitations.
- Emphasis on resiliency, especially due to uncertainties with climate change and sea level change.





SAN FRANCISCO TO STOCKTON DEEPENING PROJECT

- Deep-draft navigation study initiated in the early 2000's.
- Original study scope considered navigation improvements from SF Bay to Stockton/Port of Stockton is the non federal sponsor.
- Study re-scoped in 2016 to focus only on area between SF Bay and Avon: Contra Costa County enters as close partner with the Port to complete the study.
- Re-scoping by USACE HQ due to economic justification and environmental complexities between Avon and Stockton.







RECOMMENDED PLAN OVERVIEW

CHANNEL DEEPENING

- From 35 feet to 38 feet MLLW: 13.2 miles
- Pinole Shoal Channel: 10.3 miles = 1,443,900 cy
- Bulls Head Reach: 2.9 miles = 38,700 cy

BULLS HEAD SEDIMENT TRAP

- Dredge trap to 42 feet MLLW + 2 feet overdepth = 120,600 cy
- Length = 2,600 feet; Width = 300 feet

ROCK SUBSTRATE

Reduce elevation down to 43 feet, 950 sq feet = 40 cy

BENEFICIAL USE OF MATERIAL

Placement at Montezuma Wetlands & Cullinan Ranch
 will help offset environmental effects
 Oil Refineries (Channel Users)

LEGEND

Deepen Pinole Shoal 35 ft to 38 ft MLLW + 2 ft overdepth

Deepen Bulls Head Reach 35 ft to 38 ft MLLW + 2 ft overdepth

Oil Refineries (Channel Users)

Placement Sites – Beneficial Use

Bulls Head Sediment Trap – 42 ft MLLW + 2 ft overdepth

Existing O&M Sites – SF-10 & SF-16

Existing rock formation – at peak of 39.7 ft MLLW







INITIAL PLACEMENT SITES & ASSUMPTIONS

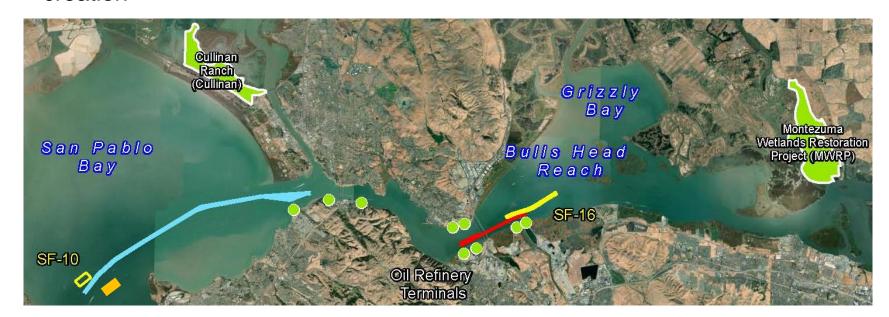
- Pinole Shoal Channel Cullinan Ranch
- Bulls Head Reach Montezuma Wetland
- San Francisco Dredged Ocean Disposal Site (SF-DODS)
- not assumed for placement but a backup site if needed

BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGED MATERIAL:

 Beneficial use of material Montezuma Wetlands & Cullinan Ranch will contribute to 160 acres of habitat creation

OPERATIONS AND MAINTANCE

- O&M SF-10 and SF-16 (Federal standard)
- Bulls Head Reach (47,500 cy) annually and Pinole Shoal (175,900 cy) will be dredged every other year
- Bulls Head Reach Sediment trap (8,900 cy) will be dredged annually.
 - Reduced frequency of <u>additional O&M</u> provides a savings of \$680,000 per year, or \$16M in Present Value







SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO STOCKTON STUDY: KEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

- Use of clamshell dredge for initial deepening (both Pinole Shoal and Bulls Head Reach).
- Dredge in compliance with applicable Biological Opinions.
- Programmatic Agreement coordination under section 106 for Cultural Resources carried through to PED.
- Beneficial re-use of material.







NEXT STEPS

- Final Report Transmittal to HQ:
 October/November 2019
- Final 30-day NEPA Review: January 2020
- Execute Programmatic Agreement/Cultural Resources: March 2020
- Signing of Director's Report: June 2020
- Non-federal Sponsor CEQA Compliance:
 Schedule TBD
- Initiation of Preconstruction, Engineering and Design: Post-CEQA
- Construction: TBD pending CEQA compliance completion, design completion, and receipt of construction funding









YOUR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS









